

MAR 01 2004

Appln. No. 09/955,857  
Amendment dated March 1, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of December 1, 2003

OFFICIAL

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE  
TRANSMISSION  
Tx. NO 703-872-9306

TOTAL PAGES: 15

I hereby certify that this  
paper is being facsimile  
transmitted to the  
Commissioner for  
Patents Office  
on the date noted below.

*Marylyn Stults*  
Marylyn Stults

Dated: March 1, 2004

In the event that this Paper  
is late filed, and the  
necessary petition for  
extension of time is not filed  
concurrently herewith, please  
consider this as a Petition  
for the requisite extension of  
time, and to the extent not  
indicated by check attached  
hereto, authorization to  
charge the extension fee to  
Account No. 06-1378.

Attorney Docket No. 01582/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yasuteru TAKAHAMA et al.

Serial No. : 09/955,857

Filed : September 19, 2001

For : INVERTED MICROSCOPE

Art Unit : 2872

Examiner : M. A. Robinson

Confirm. No.: 9871

Customer No.: 01933

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 2872**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December  
1, 2003, the term for response to which expires March 1, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

entry  
approved.  
mc  
3/24/04